THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHAND-BHAi SHAH); (a) Yes, Sir.

((b) The final estimates of Kharif Crops for 1990-91 have not yet become due and the sowing of Rabi Crops has just been completed. It is too early to make any assessment for the production- of Khanf and Rabi Cropff for the year 1990-91

However, as per preliminary assessment, the production of Kharif foodgrains, Khanf oilseeds, sugarcane, cotton and jute & mesta during 1990-91 alongwith the required data for the previous two years is annexed as Statement.

Statement

Production of Kharj Rabi Crops during 1988-89. 1989-90 ana 1990-91 (Anticipated)

(Million/tonnes/Bales)

Crop	Season	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91 (Anticipated)
Foodgrains	Kharif	99.64	100.94	101.0 to 102.0
	Rabi . .	74.28	69.69	*
	Totals . .	169.92	170.63	*
Oilseeds .	Kharif	10.53	9.55	7 9 to 8.2
	Rabi	7.50	7 20	*
	Totals .	18.03	16.75	*,
Sugarcane ' .		203.04	222 63	220.0 to 224.0
Cotton@ !.		8.74	11 41	10.6
Jute &.Mesta@@		7.86	8.35	9 0

@Milnon bales cf 170 kgs each
@@Million bales of 180 kgs each
*_Sowings of rabi crops just completed.

Distress Sale of Paddy

281 SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIEg.be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to the recent reports of distress Mi* 0$ paddy by farmers in Punlab jW«l other States while millets, ha* be^o. greasing for-review and reduction nr procurement prices; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken ty government to ensure that the farmers wej*, not forced to rsswrt to distress sale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF fOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SURI SARWAR HUSSAIN); (a) and (b) No reports about distress sate of paddy o£ Fair Average Quality (FAQ) and conforming to the Government of India specifications have been received either from Punjab or from other States/ Union Territories except from Orissa which on investigation was found to be largely relating to paddy of below specification quality. The rice millers in- Punjab had demanded substantial increase » ttoe- procurement price of levy-rice for 1990-91 kharif marketing season and were not satified with the procurement price for levy-rice fixed by Government, flie millers did not, therefore, undertake purchase of paddy in Punjab mandjeg to the extent they normally do and as a result, Food

Corporation of India and the State procuring agencies had to procure paddy under price support scheme in a big way to avoid any distress sale of paddy by farmers beiow the support price due to non-cooperative attitude of millers. Even after giving some increase in the procurement price of levy-rice and the transportation and forwarding charges for levy-rice to be delivered by millers to Food Corporation of India, tne millers did not show much interest in the purchase of paddy arrived in Punjab mandis. As on 26th December, 1990, out of total arrivals of 78.32 lakh tonnes in Punjab mandis, the Food Corporation of India and the State procuring agencies have purchased 45.26 lakh tonnes of paddy under price support operations. The millers have purchased only 33.06 lakh tonnes of paddy till 26th December, 1990. In all, the States/Union Territories taken together till 26th December, 1990, a total quantity of 49.22 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured by Food Corporation cf India and State -procuring agencies under price support. Food Corporation of India and State procuring agencies have made elaborate arrangements to extend price support to the paddy growers.

देश में आरक्षण विरोधी आन्दोलन के कारण रेलवे को हुई क्षति

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श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच ह कि आरक्षण विरोधी आन्दोलन के पहले सात सप्ताहों के दौरान रेलों को रोकने और जलाने; रेलवे स्टेशनों को क्षति पहुच ने और तोड़-फोड़ की अन्य कार्यव हियों के कारण रेलवे को भारी नुकसान हुआ हैं; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच हैं कि रेल ग ड़ियों के रद्द किए ज ने के कारण एव हिंसा के डर से य त्रियों की संख्य और माल ढुलाई क्षमता में कमी आई है ;

यह कमी औसतन कितनी ह और इसके परिणामस्वरूप कुल कितन घाटा उठाना पड़ा हैं; और

(ग) सरकार इस घाटे की क्षति-पूर्ति करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री भक्त चरण दास) : (क) और (ख) जी हां, यद्यपि जो नुकसान हुआ है उसका सही मूल्यांकन नहीं किया जा सकता है, फिर भी यह लगभग 100 करोड़ के आसपास है।

(ग) विरोध स्वरूप हुए नुकसान को क्षतिपूर्ति करना कठिन है।

[The Vice-Chairman, Shrimati Jayanthi Natarajan (in the Chair]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER CORRECTING THE REPLY GIVEN IN THE RAJYA SABHA ON THE 10TH AUGUST, 1990 TO UNSTARRED QUESTION 565 REGARDING ALLOTMENT OF FIATS TO 1984 RIOT VICTIMS.

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्री दौलत राम सारण) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं आपकी अनुमति से 1984 दंगा पीड़ितों को फ्लैटों के आवंटन के संबंध में 10 अगस्त, 1990 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 565 के लिए गए उत्तर के संशोधनार्थ एक विवरण (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभापटल पर रखता हूं। [पुस्तकालय में रखा गया देखिए सं. एल टी 1618A/90

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